

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the FCC's plan to change media ownership rules. Not only will this further weaken the diversity of media ownership in America, it's coming at a time when we need to hear more voices than ever before.

In addition, it sounds like Chairman Powell doesn't appreciate hearing from the public about this issue. In a recent interview, he said that "I think we're one of the most heavily lobbied federal institutions in the government, probably second only to the United States Congress. I don't, by the way, think that's a particularly good thing."

Perhaps he has forgotten that the AMERICAN PEOPLE OWN THE AIRWAVES? And that public involvement in critical decisionmaking like this is what democracy is all about?

Chairman Powell's deliberate disregard for the views and opinions of the American people is abhorrent. He has even refused to release the actual language of the rule change, which I'm pretty sure is against federal rulemaking procedure. And he's held just one meeting to hear the views of the public. Even when a bipartisan group of Senators requested that he give Congress some time to discuss the impact of this change, Powell brushed them off.

Is this really the RIGHT way to make EFFECTIVE PUBLIC POLICY? I think NOT....